## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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- 1. In September or October of each year, the Planning Office sends to each of the industrial ministries a draft plan in which the proposed allocation of quantities to be produced by each industry is shown.
- 2. Each ministry then distributes the proposed quantities by allotting draft quotas to each of its subordinate concerns.
- 3. The individual concerns then submit their draft plans to their parent ministry, which collates all the drafts and submits a proposed consolidated plan to the Planning Office.
- 4. The Planning Office co-ordinates and amends all the proposed plans and returns them to the ministries for submission to the Council of Ministers.
- 5. After approval by the Council of Ministers, the final plans are sent in December by the ministries to their subordinate concerns.
- 6. A Soviet adviser is attached to the Planning Office, but the extent of Soviet control over the drawing up of the plans is not known.
- 7. Prices for the domestic market are fixed mainly by the Planning Office, and for some commodities by the ministries. There is no uniform system. Price changes are the result of ad hoc decisions; neither "current prices" nor retail prices depend on the actual cost of production.
- 8. Export quotations depend mainly on the barter arrangements in each case, and on the priority of materials which can be obtained only by import or of which there is a shortage. In most cases, export prices are below the actual cost of production.

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